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SUBJECT: UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL VISITS LIBYA

1. UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW VISITED TRIPOLI MAY 5-8, CONFERRING WITH QADHAFI, THE SECRETARIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND CULTURE, MARITIME TRANSPORT, AND SUBORDINATE OFFICIALS. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS DESCRIBED AS STRENGTHENING LIBYAN-UNESCO RELATIONS. LIBYAN OFFICIAL MEDIA NOTED THAT CLOSE TIES HAVE EXISTED PARTICULARLY SINCE THE 1969 REVOLUTION, AND OBSERVED THAT IN MARCH 1976 LIBYA "RESCUED UNESCO FROM ITS FINANCIAL CRISIS BY GRANTING IT A LOAN OF \$4.4 MILLION."

2. WHILE NO DETAILED ACCOUNT OF TALKS WAS RELEASED, MEDIA NOTE THAT TWO SIDES REVIEWED LIBYAN-UNESCO COOPERATION IN CULTURE, SCIENCE, AND INFORMATION AND THAT ONE TOPIC DISCUSSED WAS LIBYA'S "VITAL ROLE AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN FREEING THE MEDIA IN THE THIRD WORLD FROM IMPERIALIST DOMINATION." DISCUSSION WITH MARITIME TRANSPORT SECRETARY
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WAS REPORTED TO INCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF UNESCO PARTICIPATION IN PROVIDING EXPERTISE FOR A "NAVY ACADEMY" (MARITIME ACADEMY) TO BE ESTABLISHED IN LIBYA. M'BOW AND EDUCATION SECRETARY REPORTEDLY SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR UNESCO TO PROVIDE EXPERTS IN SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND CULTURE. LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY QUOTED M'BOW AS PRAISING "JAMAHIRIYAH'S EFFORTS FOR MANKIND'S PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY, AND THE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF

DEMOCRACY REPRESENTED BY THE SETTING UP OF THE PEOPLE'S
GOVERNMENT AND BY THE ADVENT OF THE ERA OF THE POPULAR MASSES."
DIRECTOR GENERAL REPORTEDLY ALSO "EMPHASIZED UNESCO'S STRONG
BELIEF IN THE FATEH REVOLUTION'S GOALS WHICH THE ORGANIZATION
IS TRYING HARD TO IMPLEMENT."
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